

and an exterior surface of the base defining an exterior side surface of the container;

the cap including a top and a skirt depending peripherally from the top;

the skirt including a <sup>horizontal</sup> stopping surface;

wherein the stopping surface of the skirt and a <sup>horizontal</sup> stopping surface of the container engage to form a positive stop to lower engagement of the cap with respect to the container.

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[ Please amend claim 4 as follows: ]

4. (Amended) A cap and container assembly as in claim 3, the stopping surfaces comprising at least one stopping projection on an interior surface of the cap and a shoulder on the exterior side surface of the container.

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

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8. (Amended) A cap and container assembly as in claim 3, the cap including at least one annular protrusion which can sealingly engage the exterior surface of the neck.

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

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10. (Amended) A cap and container assembly as in claim 9, wherein an interior surface of the neck includes the first surface, and the exterior surface of the neck includes the second surface.

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

**63** 11. (Amended) A cap and container assembly as in claim 10; wherein the cap can be secured to the container by threading engagement of a threaded-portion of an interior surface of the skirt with a threaded-portion of the exterior surface of the neck, the first and second protrusions depend from an interior surface of the top, and the stopping surfaces comprise at least one stopping projection on the interior surface of the skirt and a shoulder on the exterior surface of the neck above the threaded-portion of the exterior surface of the neck.

Please add claim 19:

**64** 1319. A cap and container assembly as in claim 3, the stopping surface of the container comprising a positive stop in the exterior side surface of the container.

REMARKS

1. The Office Action allowed claims 1, 2, and 12 through 17. This reply amends independent claim 3, and dependent claims 4, 8, 10, and 11. It adds dependent claim 19. The limitation deleted from dependent claim 11 is now included in independent claim 3. Applicant requests entry of this amendment, reconsideration, further examination, and allowance.

2. The Office Action erroneously indicated that claims 1 through 17 were pending. Preliminary Amendment A, adding